

Dear Caroline,

18 January 2021

Thank you for your 9 December 2020 reply to my 16 October 2020 email to you, successfully predicting the 4 January 2021 judgment, that existing and future danger to Julian Assange's health in a US prison gulag would be grounds to not extradite him because he would commit suicide. I trust you take this as an indication of the soundness of my analysis, and reassurance, and confidence to now speak out specifically against the grotesque refusal to grant bail and release Julian back to his family.

Your responsibilities at the apex of authority in the UK is to scrutinise *and* publicly call out *and* oppose “**crimes against humanity**” being committed under *your* jurisdiction.

You write “... as you know, I have made my views on the latter [i.e. release of Julian Assange] in particular previously known ... [and] ... I have concerns about Julian Assange's treatment whilst in custody and have raised these with the relevant Minister.”

Unless I am mistaken, you haven't done so as a matter of PUBLIC record, otherwise please forward me copies of communication records you have had “with the relevant Minister.”

Further, you miss the point of my many previous letters to you: your PUBLIC record has failed to articulate in your own words: “I support the immediate release of Julian Assange.” In particular, the wording of EDM 719 does NOT specifically call for 'Julian Assange's immediate release'. EDM 719 only “*notes*” various “*statement[s]*” by various “*journalists*” and “*affirms its commitment to press freedom and public-interest journalism*”.

Deceptively worded EDMs, raising concerns proactively but privately with Ministers and others, and bogus excuses such as “I am not intending to make campaigning for Mr Assange's release something I work on proactively at this time” because you are too busy elsewhere are insufficient and beneath contempt.

Silence is a “**moral choice**” under international law.

Just a simple press release message. One paragraph. Copy and paste. Edit to suit. And publish your “**moral choice**” to INDIVIDUALLY in your name PUBLICLY and SPECIFICALLY :-

“Demand Julian Assange is immediately released and returned to his family on grounds he is being psychologically tortured to death. Described by the UN as ongoing “**crimes against humanity**” facilitated by Crown prisons and courts in London. Apparently as extra judicial revenge for revealing to global public scrutiny “**war crimes**” and serial human rights abuses, including in Iraq/U.K. as reconfirmed December 2020 by the **International Criminal Court**.

Do it before Julian Assange commits suicide in UK custody. Or dies of Covid. Do it before narcissistic psychopath Trump pardons Julian triggering his immediate release, thereby politically and legally 'trumping' you. [1]

Do it because Julian Assange's death in UK custody will permanently stain your

parliamentary record as an MP who failed to speak out clearly specifically in time and in name against “**crimes against humanity**” in London on your watch, perpetrated as revenge for exposing Iraq/U.K. “**war crimes**”.

Be brave. Be different. Join the growing numbers of MPs so far who know signing EDM 719 is far from enough and have made the “**moral choice**” to not silently ignore world wide legal and moral opinion condemning such disgusting state sanctioned corruption in London to pass. [2]

Be the progressive politician you claim to be. Be the MP of sufficient stature to have made a “**moral choice**” to properly scrutinise and in **full public view** call out the actions of those MPs who have directly – 31 sitting voted to invade Iraq in 2003 – others by silence, enabled “**crimes against humanity**” to be committed under their jurisdiction in London as smoke screen to hide UK government patent guilt of first enabling and now failing to prosecute numerous “**war crimes**” some evidenced in Wikileaks Iraq dossier following Blair's illegal invasion on Iraq in 2003. [3]

Thanks,

Regards,

Natasha

Context

International Criminal Court. On 9 December the court reconfirmed a "reasonable basis" to believe British forces in Iraq committed murder, rape and torture, of civilians and concludes these were indeed “**War crimes**” in it's Prosecutor Office's final report, which amounts to one of the clearest findings by any official body of the extent of UK abuses in Iraq. [4]

The UK's civil courts and public inquiries have found extensive evidence of torture by British forces in Iraq—with most of the allegations focusing on the conduct of British military interrogators—forcing the government to pay out millions of pounds in out-of-court settlements to avoid criminal prosecutions. [5]

Julian Assange's prosecution is part of a political drive to punish leakers, intimidate journalists, and assert worldwide U.S. impunity for war crimes, rendition, and torture. Which as predicted in advance (JIC Assessment of 10 February 2003) brought mayhem to Iraq and increased the threat to Britain and British interests from al-Qaeda. [6]

Such extra judicial revenge – conducted at the apex of decision making powers in the UK by UK Crown prisons and courts in London, under Westminster parliament's jurisdiction – has been condemned by the UN as a “**crime against humanity**”.

United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture. In an early December 2020 statement, Nils Melzer again demanded that British authorities immediately release Julian Assange, declaring that his ongoing incarceration in London's Belmarsh Prison “**clearly lacks any legal basis**” and is a “**crime against humanity**”. [7] On 22 December Nils Melzer,

published an open letter to Donald Trump asking him to pardon Julian. [8] He has added his voice to a fast growing number of public figures appealing to Trump to free Assange.

For example, on 16 December 17 MPs wrote an open letter to Secretary of State for Justice: *"Mr Assange is held only on remand not for violations of any UK law [...] provision should be made for him to communicate with with UK law makers deeply concerned by the implications of this unprecedented extradition case ahead of the extradition decision [...] on 4 January 2021."* [9]

The remaining silent majority of MPs have each individually and directly taken a **"moral choice"** to inflict extra judicial revenge upon Julian Assange, in particular for revealing to public scrutiny **"war crimes"** in part facilitated by the 31 MPs still sitting who voted for the illegal war in Iraq in 2003.

WikiLeaks. In 2010 Julian Assanges' press organisation published tens of thousands of classified documents from the United States, including the Iraq War Logs, which documented more than 100,000 occupation related civilian killings, exposing **15,000 previously uncounted civilian casualties in Iraq, casualties that the US Army would have hidden.** [10]

Clive Stafford Smith, a human rights attorney who has represented prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, gave evidence during Julian's September extradition hearing:

"The power and value of the WikiLeaks disclosures about Iraq and Afghanistan can scarcely be understated, and are of 'key importance' to 'evidence war crimes and human rights violations by the US and its allies.'" [11]

AUSTRALIAN PETITION TO ICC. On 4 August 2020 evidence in the form of a petition was delivered to the **International Criminal Court** (ICC Hague) as a **Preliminary Investigation Request** : [12]

"The Australian government is hereby instructed that they are to facilitate the providing of a bail application via consular presentations on behalf of Julian Assange so that he may walk out of torture regardless. These instructions come from signatory John Shipton (Julian's father Dec. 18, 2019). If Julian Assange is not absolutely allowed to walk out as a free man, then bail must be allowed, for his wellbeing as he has done nothing wrong. Get bail organised Now." [13]

Evidence included Westminster MPs being exposed as 'individually' and 'criminally' responsible under **Rome Statute, Article 25(2)** to have made a **'Nuremberg Principle IV moral choice'** to participate in what the **United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment** described as:-

*"Instances of **state sponsored psychological torture** have been determined as occurring in London. In the course of the past nine years, Julian Assange has been exposed to persistent, progressively severe abuse ranging from systematic judicial persecution and arbitrary confinement in the Ecuadorian embassy in London, to his oppressive isolation, harassment and surveillance inside the embassy, and from deliberate collective ridicule, insults and humiliation, to open instigation of violence and even repeated calls for his assassination."*

Further evidence from Australian High Court judge Michael Kirby and Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) condemned the UK:-

"It is deeply shocking that as a mature democracy in which the rule of law and the rights of individuals are preserved, the UK Government has been silent and has taken no action to terminate such gross and disproportionate conduct by Crown officials. Many countries in the world look to Britain as an example in such matters."

NUREMBERG TRIBUNAL. Of the ten executed on rope too short to break their necks, six were politicians, following the 1945-46 trials of 24 of Germany's most important political and military leaders for their 'participation' in "**war crimes**". These legal proceedings are celebrated for establishing:

"Crimes against international law are committed by people, not by abstract entities and only by punishing individuals who commit such crimes can the provisions of international law be enforced."

Nuremberg was set up under the 'London Charter of the International Military Tribunal'. Amongst its many legacies are the **United Nations Convention against Torture**, the founding of the **International Criminal Court**, and '**Nuremberg Principles**'. In particular **Principle IV** determined that if a person acted pursuant to order of their Government or of a superior, this does not relieve them from responsibility under international law, provided a "**moral choice**" was in fact possible to them i.e. its not an acceptable excuse to say '**I was just following my superior's orders**'.

The apex in the UK of '**superior's orders**' is Parliament and ALL of its 650 sitting MPs. Their role is to keep the UK Government accountable to the electorate, and scrutinises what the Government is doing via for example: Select Committees, Ministers and Prime Minister's Question Time, Debates in the House of Commons and House of Lords, Requesting information from Government departments, from The Opposition Parties, and Early Day Motions.

[1] <https://sputniknews.com/world/202012141081457368-foreigners-and-us-presidential-pardons-julian-assange-could-be-the-latest-in-a-distinguished-line/>

[2] <https://consortiumnews.com/2020/09/20/they-cal-for-assanges-immediate-release-lula-rouseff-zapatero-corbyn-correa-paul-galloway-gravel-varoufakis/>

<https://duckduckgo.com/?q=A+political+crucifixion+not+legal+process+and+is+about+seeking+to+bury+truth+and+those+exposing+it&t=ffab&ia=web>

[3] <https://www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=otp-statement-iraq-13-05-2014>

<https://www.icc-cpi.int/iraq>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Criminal_Court_and_the_2003_invasion_of_Iraq

[4] <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/uk-british-forces-six-war-crimes-committed-icc>

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/12/18/icc-prosecutor-offices-cop-out-uk-military-crimes-iraq>

[5] <https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2020/12/18/warc-d18.html>

[6] <https://shadowproof.com/2020/11/09/assange-closing-argument-extradition-case/>

[7] <https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2020/12/14/assa-d14.html>

[8] <https://consortiumnews.com/2020/12/22/melzer-asks-trump-to-pardon-assange/>

[9] <https://twitter.com/RichardBurgon/status/1339620497420673027/photo/1>

[10] <https://defend.wikileaks.org/2020/02/06/julian-assange-chelsea-manning-and-edward-snowden-nominated-for-the-2020-nobel-peace-prize/>

<https://chomsky.info/20200909/>

[11] <https://shadowproof.com/2020/09/08/assange-team-extradition-torture-war-crimes-wikileaks/>

[12] <https://www.change.org/p/free-julian-assange-before-it-s-too-late-stop-usa-extradition/u/27448320>

[13] <https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/05/1039581>